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MINOR FORTRESSES TAKEN

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(By the Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 8.—The Germans continue to make progress in all directions in their efforts to cut off the Russian retreat from Warsaw. They have commenced an attack on the fortresses of Kovno and Ossowetz, which are among the obstacles barring them from the railway from Warsaw through Vilna and Dvinsk to Petrograd. They have taken the minor fortress of Serock, at the junction of the Narew and the Bug, and have crossed the Vistula in the vicinity of Warsaw, and further south, General Woyrsch is advancing eastward. Field Marshal Mackensen is being stubbornly resisted and apparently making but slow progress.

On the whole, the daring German scheme to destroy the Russian army before it can retreat is unfolding slowly, as must be the case from its very magnitude. With the three main railways, besides those built since the war, it is believed in military circles here that the Grand Duke Nicholas will be able to extricate his Warsaw army. The events in the east, however, will continue to hold the world's attention for some time to come.

The Germans have gained minor successes in the Argonne forest, where the army of the Crown Prince has been trying for weeks to find a weak spot in the French defenses, but a German effort to recover lost trenches on the Lingekopf in the Vosges is declared to have cost them dearly.

There has been some heavy fighting in the Caucasus between the Russians and the Turks, but official reports are so contradictory that it is impossible to say in whose favor the encounter is going.

Interest continues keen in the diplomatic negotiations in the Balkans. Reports indicate that Serbia at last is willing to cede Macedonia to Bulgaria, but that Greece is opposing any suggestion that she should give Bulgaria Kavala, the seaport in the Vilayet of Saloniki. It is thought, however, that this opposition may be changed with Venizelos' return to power, expected when the Greek parliament reassembles early in September.

M. Venizelos offered Kavala to Bulgaria when he was premier simply in return for her continued neutrality, while Greece went to the assistance of the allies, but King Constantine put his foot down on the whole policy, and the political crisis which resulted in the resignation of Venizelos cabinet followed.

The Petrograd Bourse Gazette says Germany has made peace proposals to Russia, but that they were rejected. There is no confirmation of this statement.

Germans Report Progress.

Berlin, Aug. 8, via London.—Further progress for the Austro-German forces attempting to cut off the Russian retreat was announced today by the war office. The statement says Serock, at the mouth of the Bug, north of Warsaw, has been occupied, forts near Novogeorgievsk have been captured, the Germans have occupied the east bank of the Vistula near Warsaw; and, to the south, the Russians are being driven back by Field Marshal Von Mackensen.

Minor German Gains.

Paris, Aug. 8.—A German attack of extreme violence in the Vosges is reported in today's war office statement. The attack was repulsed, but the war office concedes that minor German advantages have been gained in the Argonnes.

To Exchange Prisoners.

London, Aug. 8.—Exchange of incapacitated Russians and German prisoners will begin Thursday. A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says a steamer will sail across the Baltic between Telleborg and Sassnitz, carrying 300 prisoners on each trip.

The dispatch says exchange of Austrian and Russian prisoners will begin next month.

British Casualty List.

London, July 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Officers

casualty lists from July 19 to July 30 show that the British army lost 115 killed, 236 wounded and 14 missing, a total of 365. This brings the total loss of officers since the war began to 13,636, of whom 4,176 are recorded dead, 8,305 wounded, and 1,175 missing.

During the ten days covered by the lists, regiments in the Dardanelles suffered most heavily.

To Organize Military Industrials.

Petrograd, Aug. 8, via London.—The general committees appointed to organize industrials for military purposes began their labors yesterday. Representatives of all parts of the empire attended the committee meetings. Addressing the committees, M. Riabouchinsky, the Moscow millionaire, said:

"We shall retire, if necessary, as far as the Ural Mountains. We shall fight to the last man, but we shall gain victory."

Vigorous German Attacks.

Petrograd, Aug. 8.—(Via London.)—An official statement issued tonight says the Germans have been dislodged from the region between the Dvina, the Ekau, and the lower course of the Aa, in the direction of Riga. Vigorous German attacks continue from the Narew line along the whole front, the statement adds great Teutonic pressure being brought against the Ostrow sector.

Report Anglo-French Friction.

Berlin, Aug. 8.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—The following was given out today by the Overseas News Agency:

"Telegrams from Athens report increasing friction between French and British officers on Gallipoli peninsula. It has been necessary to forbid them to converse with each other. The French accuse the British of having lost courage on account of their heavy losses."

"A Milan dispatch says the British have purchased five Italian ships, filled them with ballast, and sunk them off the peninsula to form a bridge for landing of heavy artillery."

"The Central railway station at Belgrade was reduced to ashes by the latest attack of Austrian aviators. Shipyards and barracks also were fired."

"Athens newspapers say King Constantine has determined personally to open the new session of parliament with a speech emphasizing that preservation of Greek neutrality is the only guarantee of the country's welfare."

"The Lokal Anzeiger prints a letter dated Hoboken, Belgium, July 14, saying that the Dutch steamship Rotterdam, detained by the British in June was compelled to make several trips at night between Dover and Calais, apparently in the hope that she would be mistaken for a British troop ship and torpedoed by a German submarine."

Austrians Report Success.

Vienna, Aug. 8.—via London.—The army of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand, after repulsing the Russians west of the Vepz has occupied Lubartov and advanced northward to the bend of the river, according to an official announcement here today. South and southwest of Wiechow the Austrians are declared to have "gained a full success."

The statement says the Russian corps which remained in the Vistula district northwest of Ivangorod now is retreating northwestward pursued by the Austro-Hungarian forces.

A strong Italian infantry attack in the district of Polazzo and Vermigliano has been completely repulsed, while in Carinthia and Tyrol there has been only artillery combats.

MACHINISTS NOT TO STRIKE.

Hartford, Conn., Aug. 8.—William H. Johnston, international president of the Machinists' Association and sixteen union officials from the New England States conferred here today, and later it was announced that no general strike of the machinists would be called to enforce the unions' demands for the eight hour day. It was decided, however, President Johnston said, to start a general campaign to secure the working conditions asked for through negotiations with employers. If that fails, Mr. Johnston adds, strikes probably will follow.

OLD TIME RUSSIAN STRATEGY OBSOLETE

Budapest, July 21.—A Budapest newspaper publishes an interview with General von Buelow in which he discusses the difference between the present German campaign in Russia and that of Napoleon in 1812.

"It has been remarked," said the general, "that the present strategy of the Russians is the same as that which proved effective against Napoleon. Such strategy was effective then but not now when means of communication have been so much changed and improved. The bread which soldiers eat today in Windau was baked in Breslau yesterday."

"In times when a railway is being built a mile behind the advancing forces, when thousands of motor lorries are close behind us; when roads grow, as it were, out of the earth, no such strategy is effective. We drink German mineral water and eat fresh meat direct from Berlin and can build a road if necessary, fifty miles long in one day."

Carry on Business 4 1-2 Minutes Out of Every Five.

Dunkirk People Take To
Cellars Just Before Firing
of German Gun in
Flanders

(By the Associated Press.)

Dunkirk, France, July 28.—(Correspondence of the Ass'd Press.)—The bombardment of Dunkirk by the Great German gun operating from Flanders permits the carrying on of business here only four and a half minutes out of every five.

Only one gun is being used, the shells come regularly every five minutes. The people take advantage of the intervals between to transact business, allowing themselves about half a minute to make for their cellars.

In the general postoffice, for instance, four and a half minutes after the explosion of the first shell, clerks and applicants for mail disappear together for the basement. After the expected shell explodes they come out again, and business goes on as usual until it is time to run again to safety.

MEXICAN BANDITS AND TEXAS RANGERS BATTLE

(By the Associated Press.)

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 8.—Mexican outlaws engaged in two battles with Texas Rangers and county officers tonight near Norias, Texas, 60 miles north of Brownsville, according to reports received here. The telegraph operator at Norias has sent out a call for help. Results of the fighting are not known here.

A special train which left here for Norias earlier in the day with rangers and county officers returned tonight and immediately was started back to Norias. It will stop at Harlingen to take on a detachment of United States soldiers.

It was announced at Fort Brown, near here, that four companies of United States Infantry were being rushed to Norias from Fort McIntosh, an army post near Laredo.

Outlaws and Ranchmen Fight.

Corpus Christie, Tex., Aug. 8.—According to meager reports here the fighting at Norias, which continues late tonight, is being waged between thirty Mexican outlaws and fourteen ranchmen. Six Mexicans already have been killed, according to these reports and three of the Americans wounded.

It is said that the bandits early today raided a ranch taking horses, provisions and several rifles. Later they returned, and a pitched battle was begun, the fourteen Americans barricading themselves in the ranch house. They telephoned to Sarita, Brownsville and Kingsville for help. Shortly afterward the Mexicans cut the wires.

A special train was started from Sarita, carrying aid to the ranchmen. Troop P, Third U. S. Cavalry was ordered tonight to leave at 4 o'clock for the northern part of Cameron county. It was reported the Mexicans attacking Norias ranch, numbered fully 200.

Sheriff A. F. Baker, of Hidalgo, tonight was quoted as saying 300 Mexicans had crossed the Rio Grande from Mexico, fifty-five miles west of Brownsville and were traveling over Hidalgo county and were traveling in parties of three and four, apparently making their way to some concentrating point.

TWO STEAMERS AND TRAWLER SUBMERGED

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 8.—Lloyds announces that the British steamer Glenravel, the Swedish steamer Malmind, and the trawler Ocean Queen have been sunk. The crews all were saved.

The Glenravel, 1,092 tons, was owned in Belfast and the Malmind, 3,779 tons, in Gothenburg.

Captured Desperado Promptly.

Elizabeth City, Aug. 8.—Prompt work on the part of the police department last night put behind the bars Nick Sawyer a Norfolk negro within five minutes after he had committed assault with deadly weapon upon the person of Louis Perry a negro living here. Perry is badly sliced up but the physician says that none of the wounds involves any vital organ.

GERMAN ARMY IN RUSSIA WELL FED

Teutons Made Colossal Prepara-
tions For Supplying Sol-
diers With Food

THREE WARM MEALS A DAY

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(By the Associated Press.)

Berlin, Aug. 8.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—A description of the conditions under which the Teutons are advancing through devastated Poland was given out today by the Overseas Agency.

"The colossal scale on which arrangements were made to supply the armies caused a sensation in the towns evacuated by the Russians," says the statement, "hundreds of thousands of troops between the Vistula and the Bug are being fed as well as if they were at home. The men receive three warm meals daily. Great herds of cattle are driven behind the advancing troops. Millions of bottles of mineral water are distributed."

"The railroads were reopened speedily, solving the problem of storing facilities for forwarding troops. The furnishing of supplies to the men has been accomplished notwithstanding that the Russians removed all such supplies and set fire to villages before they retreated."

"The only representatives of neutral countries remaining at their posts at Warsaw are those of the United States and Norway. Attempts have been made to organize bands of marauders from the lower classes."

"Prince Leopold of Bavaria received a tremendous ovation when he entered Warsaw. Citizens of neutral countries particularly American newspaper correspondents participated in the celebration. Crowds greeted the Germans as liberators. The people disregarded orders to leave the town before its evacuation. Peasants driven into Warsaw by the Russians have been sent back to their homes."

"There were similar scenes of popular rejoicing when the Germans occupied Ivogorod and Lublin where large stores of flour and other materials fell into the hands of the conquerors. The Germans promised that the new regime would be mild, provided the people obeyed police regulations."

WISE AND SPERRY FOR NAVY ADVISORY BOARD

New York, Aug. 8.—The American Society of Aeronautic Engineers tonight announced the appointment of Henry A. Wise Wood, its president, and Elmer A. Sperry, its vice president, as members of the navy advisory board of inventors.

A special committee subdivided into three groups was appointed by the Secretary of State to cooperate with Mr. Wood and Mr. Sperry. The groups and members are: Theory and construction of aeroplanes and aeromarine motors, Orville Wright, Glenn H. Curtiss, W. Starling Burgess, and Chas. H. Manly; application of aircraft for warfare; Peter Cooper Hewitt, John Hays Hammond, Jr., and Joseph A. Steinmetz; dirigible balloons and parachutes, Thomas H. Baldwin, A. Leo Stevens, Ralph H. Upson and Raymond B. Price.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Sperry have received several medals in recognition of their work as scientific engineers.

RUSSIANS TO SUBSTITUTE ENGLISH FOR GERMAN

(By the Associated Press.)

Petrograd, July 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—English is to be substituted for German in most of the commercial schools of Russia as one of the compulsory subjects of the curriculum. This step was ordered by the minister of finance at the request of the school authorities.

GUY S. CALLENDER DEAD

Branford, Conn., Aug. 8.—Guy Stevens Callender, professor of political economy at the Sheffield Scientific School, and an authority on economics died of apoplexy tonight at the Neck, near here. He was 51 years of age.